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1. The SED party convention scheduled for 20 July 1950 is to be the occasion for a fundamental reorganization of the SED and KPD. Walter Ulbricht is to become secretary-general of the SED (or, one might say, of the Politburo). In order to accelerate the coordination of the East German government with Moscow policy, Wilhelm Pieck and Otto Grotewohl are to be restricted to administrative tasks; while Ulbricht is to receive full authorization to determine and execute the political line of German policy in direct contact with Moscow, without lengthy consultation with other East German experts. The secretary-general is to be the only contact man between the SED and the Moscow Politburo.
2. Ulbricht will retain the post of Deputy Minister-President, but will exercise this office as a kind of super-ministry which can exert influence over all other ministries and give instructions to them.
3. Ulbricht's position as secretary-general is to embrace all Germany; in other words, the KPD of western Germany will also be placed under him.

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